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MEMORANDUM - SSB-307

TO: Members, Invited Participants and Consultants of
Space Science Board

FROM: G. A. Derbyshire

SUBJECT: SSB Testimony before Senate Committee on Aero-
nautical and Space Sciences

The Senate Committee on Aeronautical and Space Sciences devoted two days (June 10-11) to testimony from scientists concerning the manned lunar landing program. Committee Chairman Anderson described the purpose of the hearing thus:

"This testimony will provide further information to assist the Committee in evaluating (a) the overall goals of our space exploration effort in comparison with scientific aspects of other national goals, and (b) the relative emphasis on the various projects within the space program in connection with its consideration of NASA's authorization request for FY 1964.

"The Committee also believes that the information will be helpful in determining possible steps that might be taken (1) to increase the amount of scientific return and (2) to insure better utilization of our scientific and technological resources and also (3) to consider, in connection with the long-range goals of our national space program, whether or not the proper foundation is being laid for the implementation of these goals."

Dr. Berkner and Dr. Pittendrigh presented statements. You have already received Dr. Berkner's statement directly: Dr. Pittendrigh's statement is not yet available. Dr. Hess testified as Chairman of the Space Science Board. A copy of his formal statement is enclosed for your interest.